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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A weather strip having an extrusion portion, and a molded portion connected to the extrusion portion, the weather strip comprising:

a mounting base portion attachable to an opening portion or a door circumferential edge of a vehicle;

a seal portion that is integrally formed with the mounting base portion and has a hollow portion;

a slit through which a core mold is removed in a molding process of the weather strip, wherein the slit is formed in the mounting base portion, wherein the slit divides the mounting base portion into a first engaged portion and a second engaged portion, and wherein the first engaged portion and the second engaged portion are opposed to one another across the slit; and

at least one blocking member, which is a separate and independent part from the mounting base portion, wherein the blocking member comprises:

a base portion;

an insertion portion, which projects from the base portion and which is to be fitted into the slit;

at least one engaging projection, which projects from the base portion and which is to be engaged with at least one of the first engaged portion and the second engaged portion, and

a lock portion, which is locked on an inner surface of the mounting base portion and which faces the hollow portion,

wherein the blocking member blocks a predetermined zone of the slit by simultaneously clamping and locking the mounting base portion at least in a direction of width thereof.

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2. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1,

wherein each of the first engaged portion and the second engaged portion is a fitting groove.

3. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein the blocking member further comprises:

a pair of sandwich-holding portions constituted by the base portion on one end thereof and the lock portion on another end thereof, between which the insertion portion is located, for sandwiching the mounting base portion of the molded portion.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1,

wherein the blocking member has the base portion, which constitutes a part of the mounting base portion of the molded portion at a mounting face side of the mounting base portion when the blocking member is attached to the molded portion of the weather strip, and

wherein an outer surface of the base portion of the blocking member is substantially flush with a mounting face of the mounting base portion.

6. (Canceled)

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7. (Original) A weather strip according to claim 5, wherein:

a tapered surface is formed on the lock portion at an end side of the blocking member.

8. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein:

the insertion portion of the block member is formed so that thickness of the insertion portion is greater than width of the slit, which extends in a longitudinal direction of the weather strip;

a pair of first and second engaged portions is formed in the molded portion of the weather strip at a place at which the insertion portion is fitted into the slit, such that a gap between the first and second engaged portions corresponds to the thickness of the insertion portion.

9. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein the block member is one of a plurality of identical block members arranged in a longitudinal direction of the weather strip, each of which has the engaging projection, and wherein the first and second engaged portions are fitting grooves, and the engaging projection is ring-like and engages the fitting grooves while straddling the slit.

10. (Previously presented) The weather strip according to claim 2, wherein each fitting groove has a semi-circular circular arc shape such that the fitting grooves together form a circular shape, and the engaging projection engages the semi-circular fitting grooves.

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11. (Previously presented) The weather strip according to claim 2, wherein
the at least one engaging projection includes a pair of parallel engaging projections,
each fitting groove has a linear shape and is parallel to the slit,
each of the engaging projections is linear and is parallel to the slit, and
the engaging projections engage the fitting grooves, respectively.